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## 36th OG reactivated to meet Pacific Theatre mission

SENIOR MASTER SGT. DON PERRIEN  
36TH OPERATIONS GROUP

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam** – The 36th Operations Group was reactivated after more than a decade to serve as the focal point for the Air Force's expeditionary operations taking place here. The 36th OG will assume the mission of the 36th Expeditionary Operations Group and establish a permanent command structure for deployed Air Force units assigned to Andersen Air Force Base.

Currently, six B-52 Stratofortress bombers from the 2d Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La. are deployed to provide the U.S. Pacific commander a continuous bomber presence in the Asia-Pacific region. Movement of U.S. Air Force bombers into the Western Pacific has been occurring for more than two years as the Pacific Command adjusts its force posture to maintain a prudent deterrent capability.

Col. Damian J. McCarthy formally assumed command of the newly reactivated 36th Operations Group in a ceremony held inside Andersen's Hangar One Monday. He had previously served as Chief, Combat Operations Division, 613th Air and Space Operations Center, Hickam Air Force Base prior to his arrival at Andersen AFB.

"The stand up of a permanent operations group will provide greater stability and longer-range planning for our mission," Colonel McCarthy said. "This group will provide the forces needed to enhance regional security, demonstrate U.S. commitment to the Western Pacific and provide our people with integrated training opportunities.

"I think it's exciting starting some-



Senior Master Sgt. Don Perrien

**Maj. Eric Sikes gives a thumbs up sign from the cockpit of a B-52 Stratofortress Feb. 1 following his 17-hour flight from Barksdale to Andersen AFB, Guam. Major Sikes was one of 300 Airmen from Barksdale who arrived in Guam recently as part of a scheduled rotation of bomber units into the Pacific theatre.**

thing new and adding greater stability to the Air Expeditionary Forces that will rotate through Andersen," he said. "So I think that this will be a really great challenge where can make an impact in our Airmen's lives."

Prior to the unit's reactivation, the 36th OG conducted operational missions during WWII, where the unit earned its nickname of the Fightin' 36. After the war, the unit transferred to Germany as part of United States Air Forces in Europe where it served until 1994.

During his assumption of command address, Colonel McCarthy set three goals for his new unit; help America win the Global War on Terrorism, develop and take care of the Airmen assigned to the unit, and assist the Air Force in recapitalizing its aging fleet of aircraft.

"Hopefully in three or four years when we look back at the reactivation of the 36th Operations Group, we'll see that we put in place the procedures, the facilities and the training to make the reception, beddown and employment of expedi-

tionary forces seamless here at Andersen," he said.

The new 36th OG commander placed special emphasis on the Airmen assigned to the reformed unit, stressing their importance to the mission, the base and their loved ones.

"We are all Airmen, all warriors, all expeditionary, and all volunteers," Colonel McCarthy said. "Each of us is important to ourselves, our mission and our families. We must be good wingmen, and watch over one another – and we must all know how to save our own life."

According to the 36th Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, the activation of the 36th OG and assumption of command by Colonel McCarthy demonstrates the success of the expeditionary operations here at Andersen.

"This activation closes a chapter of bomber history here at Guam," he said. "It has been almost three years to the day since the current bomber rotation stood up at Andersen, and the Airmen assigned here have performed their mission well."

General Owens said the stand up of the 36th OG recognizes the hard work and past accomplishments of Air Force units on Guam while also underscoring the importance of the current expeditionary mission based here at Andersen.

"The Airmen assigned here over the years have built an outstanding record of success, and I am confident that this activation will once again result in a job well done," he said. "If the leaders and generals of WWII could see the growth and continued importance of Andersen Air Force Base, symbolized by the activation of the 36th OG, they would be proud."

## Air Force Aid Fund Campaign Begins March 1

### Weekend Weather



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**Sunday**  
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Low: 47

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care**

### Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

As of:  
Feb. 2  
Depicted  
in sorties



Goal:	83	58	15
Flown:	46	42	9
Remaining:	37	16	6
Above/Below	-9	5	2





# Col. Shoults: Wingmanship

BY COL. MICHAEL SHOULTS

2D BOMB WING VICE COMMANDER

We all know the wingman concept: Airmen taking care of Airmen. But the real question is "what kind of a wingman are you?" What do I mean by this? In flight, the concept of a wingman is one of mutual support. The flight lead looks out for number two and number two looks out for lead. The reasons for this concept have been proven time and again.

A high-threat environment, a target difficult to identify or deteriorating weather at home station are all circumstances where the old adage comes into play, "two sets of eyes are better than one." Yes, the fast pace and often unpredictable aspect of flying forces even the best of aviators at times to rely on their wingman.

So what is my point? My point is that in flight, a wingman becomes a necessity because of situations beyond our control. On the ground, however, a wingman is there to intervene in situations that are usually well within our control and are often caused by poor personal choices.

We often cite the examples of being a good wingman as not letting a friend drink and drive or the supervisor who prevents one of his or her Airmen from pulling a full work shift then driving 12 hours to enjoy a long three-day weekend. I agree, these are examples of being a good wingman. More importantly, however, being a good wingman is never putting your friends or supervisor in a position where they have to intervene.

We all make hundreds of choices a day. Many are trivial, but some choices have life-altering

consequences if we were to make the wrong choice. On the job, not following technical data, regulations or standard tactics, techniques and procedures can lead to mission failure, damage to equipment or injury or loss of life. On duty, our discipline and training ensure this is not the case.

So why is this not the case off duty? We often look to Airmen Against Drunk Driving, frontline supervisors and first sergeants as the first line of defense against drinking and driving. The reality is the first line of defense is you. Every Airman I have talked to who has received a DUI told me they knew it was wrong or thought they were okay to drive.

They each made a personal choice, a poor choice, and one that could have had much more disastrous consequences. Whether it's a DUI, an alcohol-related incident or a poor operational risk management decision that leads to an off-duty accident, one theme remains constant, all these incidents began with a poor personal choice.

Don't get me wrong. The wingman concept is incredibly important. Frontline supervisors, first sergeants, friends and programs like AADD all play critical roles and are important safety nets that should be most certainly used when needed. But these safety nets do not relieve us from the individual responsibility of making the right personal choice in the first place.

Our Air Force Core Values are a beacon that if followed will guide us to make the right choice, whether on or off duty. They are not something to be turned on and off, values that we can adhere to while on duty and ignore while off. So the next time somebody asks you who your primary wingman is, look in the mirror. It's you!

## Action Line 456-4000

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line.



Col. Daniel Charchian  
2d Bomb Wing Commander

## Kudos

*I would just like to publicly thank the Barksdale explosive ordnance disposal shop for their kindness and support. My husband is currently deployed to Iraq and my son Aaron had an opportunity to explore a career by job shadowing. I am a nursing student and he thinks my job could be sent into the Dirty Jobs TV show, but Dad's job on the other hand is the coolest thing ever. The EOD shop was overjoyed at being able to help out. Not only did they personally come and pick him up and bring him home at the end of the day, but they packed in a spectacular day that Aaron will never forget.*

*They showed him the full spectrum of what it is like to be in EOD. One of the guys made an awesome video for him to take to school and share with his class. He did such a wonderful job that Aaron's teacher wants a copy of the video to show future classes how exciting it can be to job shadow. Deployments can be very hard on families, but when you have a shop that you know you can pick up the phone and say I need your help and you know 100 percent that help is on the way, that is truly priceless.*

- Kimberly

## African American History Month finishes Wednesday



*The African American Heritage Committee is hosting a luncheon to finish out African American History Month at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Barksdale Club. Call 1st Roy Rhinehart at 456-3195 by COB today to reserve a seat.*

Pictured here as a Captain in January of 1942 climbing into the cockpit of an Advanced Trainer at Tuskegee Army Airfield is Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the commander of the first black aviation unit the 99th Pursuit Squadron. In July 1942 he took control of the 332d Fighter Group and would later command the all-black 447th Medical Bombardment Group. He also saw combat in the Korean War and would later retire as a Lt. Gen. having received the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Philippine Legion of Honor. In 1998 then President Bill Clinton awarded him his fourth star, making him a full general.

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# Why we fight: Yesterday, today, tomorrow

BY LT COL MICKEY ADDISON

2D CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON COMMANDER

On Sept. 11, 2001, I watched the towers fall and the Pentagon burn. The overhead view of that field in Shanksville, Pa. was chilling...there wasn't even enough of Flight 93 remaining to identify it as an airplane.

It became clear to me on that terrible day that this new global war wasn't a duel about politics, or economic systems, or territory. We weren't fighting for our honor, for trade rights, or freedom of the high seas. We were in a fight against a ruthless enemy who wanted to destroy us utterly. There was to be no quarter offered, and none taken. It was a fight to the finish.

Now six years into this war, some are questioning (in the words of the WWII slogan), "Was this trip necessary?" In my opinion, not only is our fight necessary...it's vital to the survival of Western civilization and American values.

Other generations have borne their mantle of duty to defend our country and American values. Now it is our time, and to be successful in this terrible global war, we must steel ourselves once more with our Commander-in-Chief's words, "We will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail." There is no peace to be negotiated, no détente, no agreement that will stem the tide of extremism that is rising to meet us.

Only total victory will bring peace, nothing less.

Airmen have answered the call to arms with courage and energy. Each day Airmen fly combat sorties, seek out the enemy on the ground, and execute the crucial combat support and civil affairs missions that point us to victory.

Victory. That is a word we need to keep in our sights no matter what happens around us. Say it again – victory. Savor the taste of the word in your mouth, learn to desire victory more than any other. It is the natural desire of every person to want to live peacefully with their friends and family. If we want that peace, if we truly want to live free, then we must secure that peace through the victory of a united America working in concert with our friends to defeat the extremists once and for all.

Victory will neither be speedy nor cheap. It is true the Tree of Liberty is watered with the blood of patriots, and there has been blood spilled already. It was true in 1776 and it is true today.

Not only has there been American blood spilled, but there has also been blood drawn. Our enemy fears our arms and our skill. He

prefers to hide in the shadows rather than face the might of the United States Armed Forces. The enemy is defeated each time he tries to take us on. He cannot match us on the battlefield.

Our real strength, however, is not in our force of arms, which is mighty, but the force of our ideas. America and the West share a common heritage that recognizes our freedoms derived from our Creator as inalienable, that is they are absolute. Freedom is contagious, and it spreads wherever people are gathered together. Government of the people, first practiced in ancient Greece, ratified by the Roman Republic, and then handed down to America through the West is the soul of Western civilization. In America, we recognize the right of free speech, free thought, free association, and free worship. As Airmen, it is our most solemn duty to defend these freedoms, even with our lives if necessary.

As our democracy debates the war, it is perhaps easy to let that debate distract us from our mission. That must not be so. We must focus all our energy on that one little word that carries so much weight.

Victory.

In the words of Winston Churchill, "Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory, however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival."



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## Housing privatization comes to Barksdale

WAYNE WALSH

2D CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

The majority of Air Force military housing does not meet modern standards for size and quality and many bases, like Barksdale, do not have enough housing units to meet the housing demand. Over the years, the major problem has been the inability to acquire enough funding to maintain housing stock to the level required. The fix for this deficiency came with the 1996 National Defense Authorization Act which implemented the Military Housing Privatization Initiative.

This program authorizes Military Service branches to use private financing measures to provide the necessary renovations, upgrades and new construction of housing stock, to bring base housing up to modern market standards. This initiative gives the military the ability to modernize housing inventories quicker and provides military families with safe, quality, affordable housing in a community they choose to live.

Barksdale is taking advantage of the MFHPI to take care of its housing needs. Currently, Barksdale has a housing shortfall of 361 housing units, along with 229 historic housing units that require major upgrades and 200 Capehart housing units that require replacement. The Air Force has awarded a single housing privatization project for three bases to one developer. BLB Family Housing, LLC, has been selected and exclusive negotiations have begun with an anticipated closing date of July 17. When closing is completed, the developer will own all of the housing units as well as the community

features and infrastructure supporting the housing areas. The developer will become responsible for the daily maintenance as well as the much needed renovations and construction of new housing units. All renovation and new construction is expected to be completed within seven years from the closing date, years ahead of the most optimistic schedule envisioned using traditional government funding.

Some differences that will be seen under privatization include new housing built to larger sizes competing with unit sizes available in the local market area, attached single-car garages on all new housing units, ample storage rooms, appropriately sized bedrooms, and many other modern conveniences that are typically found in private-sector housing. Renovation of existing historic housing, will involve a "whole house" approach, providing quality upgrades to bring the unit to modern standards while still maintaining the historic value of the units. Along with these renovations and new construction will be improvements to the community housing areas as a whole, to include a Housing Welcome Center, conveniently located in the housing area on the main base, a state-of-the art community center, exercise and activity rooms in the housing area, club houses, more and improved playgrounds, walking trails, lighted, multi-use athletic courts and two new swimming pools in the east housing area.

Along with privatized housing comes some changes to how base housing operates. Instead of forfeiting the Basic Allowance for Housing when an Airman accepts on-base quarters, they will continue to receive their housing al-

lowance, but will pay rent by allotment to the project owner. The rent will be equal to the Airman's housing allowance minus a utilities allowance that is equal to 110 percent of the average utility cost for gas and electric for similar housing types. The Airman will use this utility allowance to pay for these two expenses. Rent only goes up if the Airman moves to a higher BAH rate through promotion. He or she will sign an initial one-year lease agreement with the developer, just like off-base housing and continuation after that year will be on a month-to-month basis. This lease will have a military clause that enables the member to break the lease when they receive a new assignment, retire or separate from the military. The financial bottom line for the military member is "zero" out-of-pocket expenses for living in privatized housing, while living in community-standard housing within the security of the installation. The developer will provide total yard maintenance for all areas that are not fenced in by the tenant. They will provide highly trained professionals to take care of service calls on a 24/7 timetable and will schedule service call visits at times that are convenient to the tenant.

Privatization of Military Family Housing is a 50-year commitment for the Air Force - a way of using private sector dollars to make improvements today for our Airmen. The goal is to create a community that both the developer and the tenant would want to truly call "home". For more information on Military Family Housing Privatization, call Wayne Walsh, base housing privatization project manager, at 456-1131, or the base housing office at 456-4324.

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# ATSO Rodeo begins Wednesday

By **STEPHANIE BEMROSE**

THE BOMBARDIER

An Ability to Survive and Operate Rodeo is scheduled to take place Wednesday through March 2.

This Rodeo will test and measure the participants' ability to remember the training.

The Rodeo is important because it trains base members to survive and operate in a chemical environment, according to Tech. Sgt. Kurt McNeely, NCO in charge of 2d Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management section.

"We will see how effective the training was during the next CORE," the sergeant said. "We are teaching and evaluating post-attack reconnaissance, transition control points and contamination avoidance skills."

The Rodeo prepares members for the CORE scheduled for March 9-14, but also prepares Airmen for chemical environments, according to Senior Airman Brandon Schwartz, 2d CES emergency management training section.

"We put a lot of stress on our teams who are also dealing with casualties, being decontaminated, marking vehicles – the Rodeo gives us a chance to do anything in a chemical environment and not just for the CORE," Airman Schwartz said.

"This one will be a lot better than what we've done in the past because the participants are not just there sitting and listening to us talk. We're working with the (explosive ordnance disposal) flight to have them set off ground burst simulators and smoke grenades so Rodeo participants can see an attack in progress and respond from that so there's a feel of an actual chemical environment."

Airmen need to operate in a chemical environment to ensure force survivability and mission continuation, Sergeant McNeely explained.

"It is important for Airmen to physically experience this because the recovery concept involves a combined effort from personnel trained to operate as a team," the sergeant said.

Airman Schwartz added that 2d Bomb Wing Commander Col. Daniel Charchian has discussed the Rodeo lessons during the CORE briefings.

After last year's Rodeo, Lt. Col. Mickey Addison, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron commander, commented that this year's ATSO training would have a faster pace. Airman Schwartz agrees that this Rodeo will be how the colonel had predicted.

After three briefs, participants will have an exercise based on what they had just learned. They will be graded on a 'go' or 'no go' scale and eval-

uated in six or eight areas.

"This Rodeo will be a lot more hands-on than the previous ones," Airman Schwartz said. "Last time, members were taught lessons and then did an activity really fast or dressed in Mission-Oriented Protective Posture gear. This time we'll have actual attacks and the participants will feel like they're in an actual wartime environment."

A year ago, about 600 base members participated in the Rodeo. However, this year Airman Schwartz said leadership would like everyone who is participating in the CORE to be included in the Rodeo, including the wing commander and group commanders.

"A lot of people think they go through this course once and then they're good forever, but this year we hope to include everyone who went last year and more – a much larger turn out," the Airman said.

Airman Schwartz added that another change at this Rodeo is that all the instructors are from the emergency management flight and not from other units.

Airman Schwartz said the 2d CES has worked with Airmen who have held several ATSO Rodeos at Dyess AFB, Texas.

"We've shared what we know works and they've shared what they know works," he said.

## Low prices meet their match

AAFES NEWS SERVICE

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's been updated to allow authorized shoppers to compare prices between the exchange and "warehouse clubs."

"Previously, AAFES didn't match 'warehouse clubs' as their shelf prices are offset by required membership fees," said the Barksdale Exchange's General Manager Barbara Travis". Military families made it clear that while they understood the BX does not charge fees, they still considered it to be the original 'members only' club. Honoring 'warehouse club' prices is just another example of AAFES adapting to meet the expectations of those it serves."

It is only through proactive surveying and review that AAFES can ensure its prices are routinely lower than the competition. But even with consistent monitoring, today's competitive retail landscape requires AAFES to rely on its price matching program to guarantee that, in the event the BX doesn't have the lowest price, authorized customers will always receive the best price.

"We'll Match It!" works in two ways:

- Shoppers who see a price differential of less than \$10 can tell the cashier who will match it on the spot
- Customers who report a price difference of greater than \$10 need only to bring a current local competitor's ad to receive

the reduced price

In either "We'll Match It" scenario the merchandise being compared must be identical.

"AAFES is committed to having low prices," said Travis. "'We'll Match It!' is simply a last line of defense in our desire to be the military shopper's first choice. After AAFES conducts national surveys and our associates compare local prices, military families at Barksdale AFB have this price matching mechanism to make sure no one missed anything."

"We'll Match It!" promotes AAFES as a price leader with a pledge that its operations will match competitors' current, local price on any identical stock assortment. In addition to this same-day pledge, AAFES also offers a 30-day price guarantee on any item originally purchased from the BX and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES, or another local competitor (excluding unauthorized dealers).

"We'll Match It!" is available every day of the year exclusively at AAFES facilities around the world. Purchases from the Exchange generate funds for much needed MWR programs. In the past 10 years, AAFES contributed more than \$2.4 billion to Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy MWR and Services programs. These funds are used in support of Youth Services, Armed Forces Recreation Centers, post functions and other quality of life initiatives enjoyed by military families on installations across the globe.



## Base housing office welcomes AHRN.com

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Everybody knows it's difficult to find good housing from across the nation or sometimes from across town. It's an old story that has a new ending: the Barksdale Housing Management Office is implementing a new internet-based housing referral system to overcome that problem – the Automated Housing Referral Network.

AHRN.com is a nationwide, joint service, DoD-sponsored Web site that offers a daily single source of available housing to incoming military members and their families. AHRN.com directly connects service members with local property managers via the internet often facilitating a door-to-door move that saves time, expenses and headaches.

"This housing referral network is a quantum leap forward from the process we use in our

office and the word-of-mouth (sponsor) method," said Barbara Watters, housing manager.

With the internet, incoming military members and families are able to reach out from anywhere and get an updated list of available housing, from a much larger pool of diverse properties, that will be available upon their arrival.

The idea behind AHRN.com is simple: free of charge, local property managers and military register their available properties on the site, often several months before the property will be available. These properties are then easily visible to incoming personnel when they search the site for available housing.

"It's our job to promote the site to all local stakeholders to ensure that it builds momentum and synergy," says Ms. Watters.

The base Housing Management Office is looking forward to ex-

panding its AHRN.com program by encouraging local property managers to register in the system.

"The larger the database, the more useful it will be to people searching for places to live," Ms. Watters said. To make registering properties a worry-free proposition, AHRN.com incorporates several layers of privacy protection.

In return for registering their properties, AHRN.com provides property owners with a consistent resource of quality tenants.

"It's a win-win for everyone who uses the site," said Ms. Watters.

It is available to all Barksdale members.

For more detailed information about the local AHRN.com Web site, contact Rob Gilmore, Housing Referral Assistant at 456-4703 or visit the Web site at [www.ahrn.com](http://www.ahrn.com) to list your property or search for one today.

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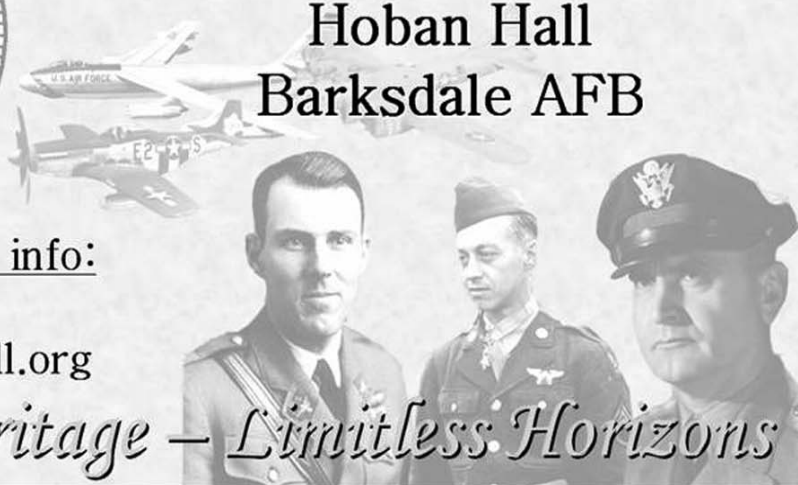
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# Success: First JPADS airdrop over Iraq

BY STAFF SGT. CARLOS DIAZ  
U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AIR  
FORCES

**BALAD Air Base, Iraq** — Eight aircrew members from the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing's 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron used the joint precision airdrop system for the first time over Iraq Feb. 16 to deliver six 1,200-pound bundles.

The Air Force developed the software and the Army developed the steerable chutes. The JPADS includes a wind sonde sensor, which is a 12- to 15-inch tube-shaped, beige-colored device that weighs no more than three pounds.

The new JPADS has two components, according to Lt. Col. David Kuenzli, the 777th EAS commander.

The Air Force-developed software uses an advanced weather model to compute a very accurate release point in the air. The Army's chutes are steered by a global positioning system. When both components are combined, the airdrop can be delivered from high altitudes of up to 25,000 feet.

"This gives us the ability to have the same or better accuracy on the drop zone," Colonel Kuenzli said.

The colonel and his aircrew were ready to employ the JPADS.

"We want to be able to show that we have this capability, and we're going out to demonstrate that we can do this and keep the Army re-supplied," he said.

They were going to re-supply the ground troops with water and Meals Ready to Eat.

The aircrew charged with this responsibility was deployed from the 463d Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. They are assigned to the 50th and 61st Airlift squadrons.

The eight-man crew consisted of Maj. Matthew Lewis, aircraft commander; Capt. Matthew Reece, pilot; 1st Lt. Matthew MacFarlane, co-pilot observer; Capt. Eric Fancher primary navigator; Capt. Kenny Bierman, instructor navigator; Tech. Sgt. Darrel Jackson, flight engineer; Tech. Sgt. Oliver Osborne, primary loadmaster; and Staff Sgt. Daniel Maslowski, secondary loadmaster.

After a detailed intelligence briefing, the loadmasters departed to perform their mission preparation.

After their mission prep was complete, three aerial port members from the 332d Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron loaded the bundles into the aircraft.

Once inside, a team of Army riggers began to secure and tighten the bundles with an incredible attention to detail.

"With this new system, we're using the technology in today's Army to keep everyone safe," said Warrant Officer David Bird, airdrop system technician assigned to the 368th Cargo Transportation Company.



Tech. Sgt. Cecilio M. Ricardo Jr.

**Staff Sgt. Morgan Abner loads six 1,200-pound bundles of water and Meals, Ready to Eat onto a C-130 Hercules Feb. 16 at Balad, Iraq, in preparation for the first joint precision airdrop system mission in support of Operation Iraq Freedom. JPADS is a new airdrop system used by C-130 aircrews to drop cargo at higher altitudes with improved accuracy. Sergeant Abner is an aerial port member assigned to the 332d Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.**

Warrant Officer Bird detailed some of the advantages of the new JPADS.

"The recovery time is faster, the loads are easier to download, the airdrop is faster because of the high velocity of 70 to 90 feet per second, and it's low-cost, fast and safe."

The 13-year Soldier said his team's been practicing its entire career.

"We're a close-knit family," he said about his eight-member rigger crew. "To see something like this go through is worth it for us."

Once the joint airdrop inspector Senior Airman Andrew Strazzinski inspected the load for safety and correct rigging procedures, the C-130 was ready for takeoff.

The bundles were airdropped once the aircraft was positioned at a 7-degree-high nose drop angle. Using simple gravity, the bundles slid off and the huge parachutes immediately deployed.

"My job, as the primary loadmaster, was to make sure the load goes out as advertised," said Sergeant Osborne, who is a formal training unit instructor in the 714th Training Squadron at Little Rock AFB.

As a career field instructor, he stressed the importance of communication.

"We had an open line of communication," he emphasized. "Communication was the key because we listened to each other, backed each other up and kept two eyes on everything."

His counterpart, 27-year-old Sergeant Maslowski, was anxious to complete his first combat airdrop using the new JPADS.

"My adrenaline was pumping the entire time," the loadmaster said. "It was exciting because I constantly kept doing more than one thing to stay ahead of the game."

"This for me has peaked all other deployments; I experienced first hand what we train for," he continued.

"Supporting the ground troops who really need these supplies is what it's all about," said Sergeant Osborne, an 18-year Air Force member.

Colonel Kuenzli was satisfied with the team's effort to successfully accomplish the airdrop mission.

"The entire teamwork from our maintenance team got this aircraft prepped and ready, and the aircrew members prepared for several weeks and studied hard to know and understand each other's jobs and roles," he said.

Once the aircrew returned with an empty cargo compartment, it was obvious that the mission was a success.

"This was so awesome, and I was ingrained in the moment," he said.

After a celebratory pose holding the American flag, the aircrew had a debrief session about the first combat airdrop over Iraq using the JPADS.

"We've paved the way for everyone else," Sergeant Osborne proudly exclaimed.



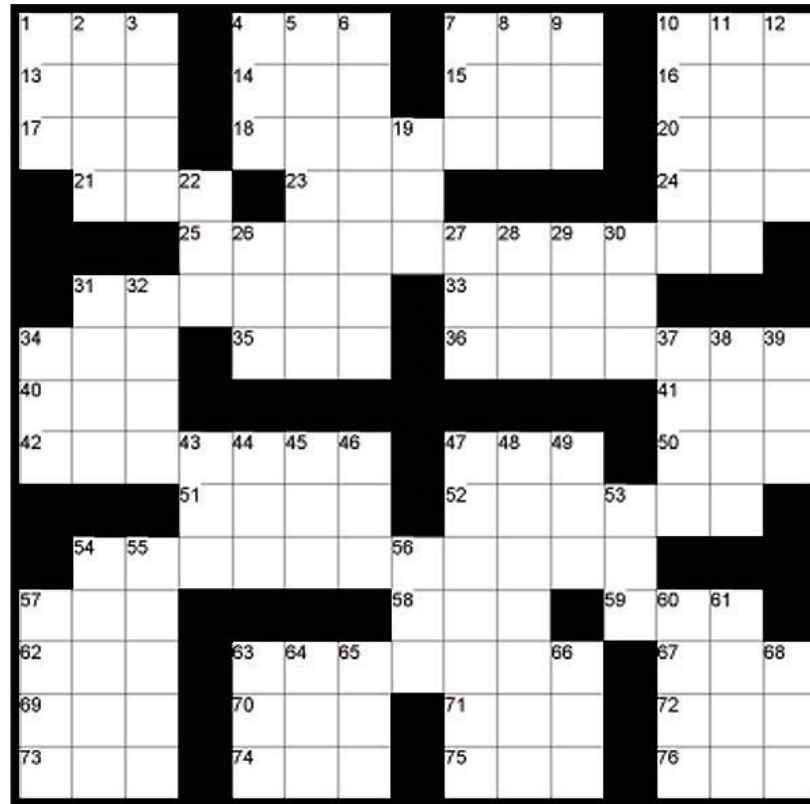
## Campaign: Island Hopping

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

### ACROSS

1. Duty status, perhaps
4. Private institution supporting the USAF
7. Pie \_\_\_ mode
10. Evil
13. You \_\_\_ here
14. Golfer Ernie
15. Auto
16. NY Giant Manning
17. British beverage
18. Most fleet of foot
20. \_\_\_ High; former USAF slogan
21. URL ender
23. U.S. gov't investigative arm
24. Network station
25. Scene of famous flag raising in 1945
31. USN boat type
33. Late night host
34. TV alien
35. Many times at short intervals
36. Enervated
40. In favor of
41. Neither's partner
42. Name of island for 25 Across
47. Sleep

50. Football stat
  51. King for \_ \_ \_
  52. Builds
  54. DoD branch memorial commemorated by event of puzzle theme
  57. Dept. of the Army, once
  58. Gene material
  59. Type
  62. Charm
  63. What created 42 Across
  67. Picnic invader
  69. Marriage words
  70. Costner film Message \_ \_ \_
  71. \_\_\_; Friday lead in
  72. Compete
  73. Mission for the RQ-4
  74. Caterwall
  75. Snakelike fish
  76. Dined
- DOWN
1. Slap
  2. After school snack
  3. Erosion
  4. USAF deployment set
  5. \_\_\_ Our Fathers; 2006 movie based on puzzle theme
  6. Take the hill
  7. Pilot with 5+ kills
  8. \_\_\_ Vegas
  9. Op or Deco
  10. Where U.S. troops landed on puzzle theme
  11. Excuse



12. Lowers the light
19. Rocky top
22. Zulu time zone, in brief
26. Law & Order: SVU item for court order to not allow something, briefly
27. Sick
28. Actress Arthur
29. Writer Coulter
30. Machine part
31. Till the field
32. Big hair style
34. \_\_\_ 36-2903
37. Military organization
38. Charged particles
39. Gere movie and the Women

43. Liquid holder
44. Dictator Amin
45. \_\_\_-o-war
46. Affirmative
47. Infant
48. Set up
49. Zest
53. Program on 24 Across
54. Servants
55. Performer
56. Disease org.
57. War in which puzzle theme occurred
60. This caused black obsidian on 42 Across
61. Sew
63. Esprit
64. Single
65. Decree
66. Engine need
68. Golf prop Dine



Answers to last week's puzzle





News briefs

Retirements

**Master Sgt. Henry Jackson**, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, retires after 23 years of service at 10 a.m. today in the 917th Wing auditorium. Dress is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilians. Call Master Sgt. Sylvester Lyles at 456-8628 for more information.

**Captain Steven Kim**, 2d Operational Support Squadron, retires after 20 years of service at 3 p.m. March 2 in the 2d OSS Conference room. Dress is uniform of the day for military and business casual for civilians. Call 456-4832 or 456-4594 or email damond.brewer@barksdale.af

.mil for more information.

Free issue at Hazmart

The Hazmart Pharmacy gives away free stuff, but not everyone on base knows that. The Hazmart Pharmacy has numerous chemicals that are kept on stock for members to use. Those who have a current approved Air Force Form 3952 Chemical and Hazardous Materials Request and Authorization for the material can have it free for one’s squadron or duty section. This not only saves money, but also helps Barksdale reduce its hazardous waste stream, manpower, and best of all – it saves the environment.

Contact the Hazmart Pharmacy at 456-7044, 456-7045 or email Hazmart@barksdale.af.mil for more information or to find out if they have a certain chemical.

BOSC scholarships

Barksdale Officers’ Spouses’ Club Scholarship applications are available at local high schools, the Barksdale Club, the education office, the Airman and Family Readiness Center and online at [www.geocities.com/bosc\\_scholarship/main.html](http://www.geocities.com/bosc_scholarship/main.html). The BOSC is offering a number of awards of at least \$500 per student. A \$1,000 Gerry Lyons Memorial Scholarship is also

being offered in this program. Deadline is March 16. Call Martine Doleman at 390-7541 for more information.

Fixture sale

The Barksdale Officers’ Spouses Club Thrift Shop will have a fixture sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 1 and 2. Items for sale include desks, sofas, clothing racks, bookshelves, a glass display case and a refrigerator. Buyers should be prepared to remove items upon purchase. The Thrift Shop is located next to the Main Exchange. Call Lynae Cox at 795-0856 for more information.

Office closure

The base legal office is closed for Legal Assistance today for the commanders and first sergeant workshop. Notaries and Powers of Attorney will be available during regular business hours.

Habitat for Humanity

The Barksdale Company Grade Officer’s Council is organizing a team to help build a Habitat for Humanity home in Bossier City. Construction will take place March 3. No construction experience is necessary needed. Please contact 2d Lt. Frank Hartnett at 456-3241 for more information.

Commander’s call

An 8th Air Force commander’s call for all HQ 8th AF members is 10 a.m. March 2 at the base theater. Call Master Sgt. James Auzenne at 456-5165 for more information.

Book fair

A Scholastic book fair is 3 to 6 p.m. today at the Youth Center Teen Room to benefit the Child Development Center and the Youth Center. Call Betsy Welsch at 456-4139 for more information.

Base Play

“Lord Have Mercy She Just Ain’t Gon’ Doo-Rite” by Bruce Johnson will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the base theater. No matter what one does or says sometimes they just can’t please everyone. Admission is free to all military members, families and civilian military employees. There will also be a live DJ for entertainment. For more information call (504) 458-6031 or email dooritebjj@yahoo.com.



# Hand in Paw helps local shelters find pets homes

By 1st Lt. M. CAITLIN BROWN  
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Every year, millions of unwanted puppies and kittens are born in the United States. Many of these animals get abandoned, and end up alone on the streets or in local animal control shelters, facing a much more likely chance of euthanasia than adoption.

The Shreveport and Bossier City communities are no exception to this situation, and the sad fates of these animals are often forgotten.

However, there is a group of Barksdale members devoted to raising awareness about homeless animals, and helping care for those currently in the Bossier City Animal Control shelter.

After realizing that there was a need for an organization dedicated to helping local animals, several Barksdale Airmen and civilians formed Hand In Paw: Friends of Bossier City Animal Control, a registered non-profit organization with the mission of “introducing homeless animals to caring companions through education, advocacy and enrichment.”

The members work to accomplish this mission by volunteering their time at the Bossier City Animal Control shelter and hosting fundraising events to raise money for supplies and equipment for animals housed there.

The volunteers typically work on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., feeding and grooming animals, preparing them for adoption, and transporting them to and from Adopt-a-Pet events held at local businesses such as PetsMart, PetCo and Wal-Mart.

Despite all the good work they do, working at the animal shelter sometimes has its sad days, according to Tech. Sgt. James Sult, a senior munitions inspector with the 2d Munitions Squadron and a H.I.P. volunteer.

“I would say the saddest part of doing what we do is when a person adopts an animal with high expectations and a week later returns to the shelter saying they can’t handle the animal,” he said. “I do my best to ensure that a person knows what they’re getting into and that they understand the pressures of raising an animal.”

However, the shelter volunteers are quick to

point out that not every story at the shelter is a sad one.

When it comes to working with animals, there are inevitably strange and funny stories to be told.

Mrs. Monica Sult, a chiropractic technician with the 2d Medical Squadron and the current vice president of H.I.P., says that even the most ordinary tasks can become funny when animals are involved.

“It’s always a safe bet that whoever is bathing the dogs inevitably walks out looking like the dogs bathed them too!” she said.

Senior Airman Silvia Garcia, a public health technician in the 2d Medical Group and a H.I.P. volunteer, said she remembers a strange situation that arose in October 2005, after the volunteers set up a temporary shelter behind the CenturyTel Center for the pets arriving with the Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

“We were at the temporary shelter working all day, and we were all hungry, so we decided to cook some burgers. Afterwards, we realized there was no place to put the food. The euthanasia room was the only place left, so there went the food. It was just very strange to see people coming out of that room eating a burger!”

Each of the volunteers also has their own story of a particular animal at the shelter that touched their hearts.

“I will always remember Taco,” said Airman Garcia. “He was just a funny little dog who came to us during the hurricane, but the way he got his name is even funnier. His owner told us that he was sitting on the curb eating a taco one day, and this little dog came up and stole it from him! So decided to keep him and named him Taco.”

Mrs. Sult remembers a tiny Dachshund puppy that had one of his ears cut off with scissors by his previous owners. “This puppy loved everyone, in spite of the cruelty he had endured,” she said.

Sergeant Sult, on the other hand, said he has been most affected by a different kind of animal.

“The most interesting animal I have met through my work at the shelter would have to be Liz, the kennel manager!” he joked. “She makes volunteering very enjoyable...she’s truly one of a kind!”

The volunteers all agree that one of the best aspects of working at the animal shelter is the interaction they get with each other, and the



Courtesy photo

Mrs. Sult, Sergeant Miller and Senior Airman Mary Zografos rid a cat of fleas at the Biannual Rabies Clinic and Flea Dip Hosted at the Knights of Columbus recently.

teamwork and sense of family it fosters.

“The best part of being a volunteer at the shelter is the camaraderie and knowing that I’m part of a great team,” said Mrs. Sult.

However, there was one volunteer in particular Mrs. Sult wanted to recognize.

“If it’s true that the dog is man’s best friend, Jim [Master Sgt. Jim Miller, 608th Strategic Operations Squadron bomber operations superintendent and H.I.P. volunteer] is dog’s best friend,” she said. “He is the gentle soul who connects with the animals and calms them. He can coax the most timid animal out for a walk when others cannot. He is truly there for the sake of the animals and gives 110 percent of himself. The ‘Dog Whisperer’ Cesar Milan has nothing on Jim!”

Sergeant Miller acknowledged that this type of direct work with the animals was the best part of the job for him.

“Seeing an animal adopted out to a good

home is always rewarding, but the real gratification comes from working with a scared or traumatized animal and building its trust in people back up so that it comes out of its shell,” he said. “Watching an animal like that get adopted really makes my day.”

Ms. Liz Walker, shelter manager, said that if it weren’t for the Barksdale volunteers, the shelter would not be able to do as much for the local animals in need.

“The Barksdale volunteers play a major role in the Adopt-a-Pet program,” she said. “We have more Airmen than civilian volunteers and they make a difference in the lives of many animals. I know that I can always depend on them.”

She said that in the past two years, the money raised by H.I.P. has also made a huge contribution to the shelter.

“The money they raised not only helped buy a digital scale for weighing animals at the shelter, it was also directly responsible for helping

find homes for nearly 1,500 animals last year alone,” she said.

Mrs. Sult said that she would encourage other Barksdale members to volunteer for the shelter.

“Airman or not, I think that helping animals in need will make you a better person,” she said. “If nothing else, no matter what a bad day or week you’ve had, come to the shelter on a Saturday and gain a better understanding that you can turn things around for yourself by helping others who are even less fortunate than you.”

Sergeant Miller agreed.

“I feel that volunteering makes you a better person because you are doing something for another person, or in this case animal, without expecting anything in return,” he said. “Too many people only think about what they can get out of something, and it makes them selfish. Find something you really feel strongly about, and

find a way to give.”

This selfless, giving spirit is what makes the members of H.I.P. so special and important to the animals that pass through the local shelter.

“I am proud of what we do because I believe our cause is honorable,” Mrs. Sult said. “These animals can’t speak for themselves, so we spend some time with them and speak on their behalf.”

Sergeant Miller also said that he is proud of the volunteers and the work they do.

“The volunteers at the shelter don’t get a ‘thank you’ from the animals they help,” he said. “Often, we never even see the animal again. But these people know they are doing a good thing, and they will be back next week to help the next bunch of animals.”

For more information on H.I.P., or to find out how to volunteer or make a donation, contact Ms. Walker at 741-8499 or email handinpaw.bossier@gmail.com.



Tech. Sgt. James Sult

Senior Airman Samantha McCook and Ms. Sharon Teakell grooming a matted and neglected dog prior to departure for Saturday adoption at Petsmart.





# Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

**Job Title:** Public Health Technician

**What's something you look forward to most in the next six weeks?** Starting college

**What food could you eat every day for two weeks and not get sick of?** Pizza

**What is your fondest memory?** Finding out that my twin and I were both pregnant at the same time

**What's your favorite movie quote and what movie is it from?** "The first rule of fight club is you don't talk about fight club," from "Fight Club"

**What's your favorite thing to do in the local area?** Hang out at home with my pets

**What TV show would you like to go on and why?** "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," because I would like to see how far I could get



**Airman Brittany Barreras**  
2d Medical Operations Squadron

**Why did you join the military?** I wanted to follow in my father's and brother's footsteps, and I wanted to be the first female in my family to join

**What phrase do you overuse?** "Whatever"

**Who is the most influential person in the Air Force and why?** My dad because he completed a successful 20 years of service

## Services events

### Wine and beer tasting

A wine and beer tasting art soiree is scheduled for March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Barksdale Club ballroom. Sample wines, champagnes, flavored martinis, assorted brews and beers served with shrimp cocktail, marinated pineapple chicken strips, carved prime rib, blackened chicken drummettes, assorted cheeses, fruits and vegetables, various desserts and other surprises. Business casual is the attire of the evening. Enjoy local art and crafts

on display and available for purchase. Cost is \$25.95 for members and \$29.95 for non-members. Reservations are limited to 200 seats. Call 746-2203 by Wednesday to place a reservation.

### Big money bingo

Starting in March, Big Money Bingo moves to Tuesday night in the Stripes ballroom. It \$12,000 jackpot with a guaranteed \$500 consolation prize, an \$1,100 jackpot, and a chance at a new plasma tv. Players also enjoy a \$500 Bonanza game and seven chances

at \$100. Dinner is served and cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m. Play begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Stop by for a chance to win big.

### Guaranteed Xbox 360

Family Bingo takes place Tuesday at the Stripes Ballroom. Players could win an Xbox 360 jackpot and a \$1,200 cash jackpot, along with other great prizes. Numbers will be called until the Xbox 360 goes. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. and play begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Call 456-4926 for more information.



## At the movies

**"Primeval"****Rated:** R**Playing:** 7 p.m. today**Run time:** 94 minutes**Cast:** Dominic Purcell, Orlando Jones

**Synopsis:** In one of the most remote places on earth, a blood-thirsty serial killer has claimed more than 300 victims, and is still at large to this day. The danger begins as producer Tim Freeman, cameraman Steven Johnson and their rag-tag team set out on a journey up-river in search of their subject. But the deeper they probe into the mystery of this elusive assassin, the deadlier their trip becomes.

**"Happily N'ever After"****Rated:** PG**Playing:** 2 p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 87 minutes**Cast:** Sigourney Weaver, Sarah Michelle Geller

**Synopsis:** When the wizard in charge of Fairy Tale World goes on holiday, Cinderella's wicked step-mother takes over the world, which is home to characters such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Seven Dwarves, and Rapunzel.

**"Freedom Writers"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** 7 p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 123 minutes**Cast:** Hilary Swank, Imelda Staunton

**Synopsis:** A dedicated California teacher finds a way to unify her disadvantaged, racially divided students, and to improve their grasp of academics, partly by having them keep journals about their violent troubled lives.

**"Night at the Museum"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** 1 p.m. Sunday**Run time:** 109 minutes**Cast:** Ben Stiller, Carla Gugino

**Synopsis:** A bumbling security guard at the Museum of Natural History accidentally lets loose an ancient curse that causes the animals and insects on display to come to life and wreak havoc.

**"Stomp the Yard"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** 4 p.m. Sunday**Run time:** 114 minutes**Cast:** Columbus Short, Brian J. White

**Synopsis:** DJ is a troubled youth from Los Angeles attending the historically black Truth University in Atlanta. While adapting to his new environment proves difficult, DJ finds solace in joining a struggling fraternity. He begins implementing his street-style dance moves in an attempt to help the step team win the coveted national Step Show Championship. Before long, DJ becomes the competing fraternity's main rival, while trying to pursue his new love interest, deal with his own troubled past and learn the true meanings of brotherhood and fraternity along the way.

**\$1 Show 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday**  
**For more information call 456-3666.**

## Chapel Events

**Protestant services**

Traditional Communion, 9 a.m., Sunday in Chapel One

Community worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two

Inspirational gospel service, noon, Sunday, Chapel Two

**Catholic services**

Confession, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Saturday in

Chapel Two

Mass, 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Chapel Two, 9 a.m. Sunday in Chapel Two, and

11:30 a.m. Sunday in Chapel One

**Job opening**

The Barksdale Chapel is looking for a Catholic Parish Coordinator. Anyone interested in this position should call 456-2111 or e-mail james.mitchell1@barksdale.af.mil.

## Airman, Family Readiness Center

**TAP seminar**

This seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday. This 24-hour workshop, facilitated by the Department of Labor, is designed to help military members and their spouses make good career decisions as they move from military service to civilian life.

**Smooth move**

This workshop will be held at 10 a.m.

Tuesday and will focus on benefits, entitlements, moving tips and stressors associated to the relocation process. Presenters from the Travel Management Office, Military Pay, Legal Claims, TRICARE and the Airman and Family Readiness Center will present information on all aspects of the relocation process and will be available to answer questions concerning individual moves.





## Services events

### New uniform policy

A brand new policy allows personnel to bowl or use the driving range in uniform. In addition, they are authorized to remove their blouses while playing. Bring a group and bowl at lunch. Those in uniform can get a burger, fries and soda plus two games of bowling for only \$6.75. Call 456-4133 for more information.

### Baseball registration

Youth baseball registration is going on now through March 10 at the youth center. Cost is \$45 per person during regular registration and \$60 per person during late registration from March 12-15. Coaches training is scheduled for March 19-20. The parents' meeting takes place on March 23 and practice starts around March 24.

The baseball seasons opening day is April 14 and ends about May 26. Baseball picture dates are to be announced. All dates are tentative and subject to change. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call Mr. Bell at 456-4681 or 456-3448 for details.

### Paintball

Open paintball is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Players are invited to the Clear Lake paintball fields to play on all four paintball courses. Players may use their own gear or rent it on-site. Cost is \$12 per person and includes marker, mask and 100 paintballs. Only paint purchased at the field is permissible. Additional paint is \$4 for 100, \$15 for 500, \$30 for 1,000 and \$60 for 2,000. No sign ups are necessary. Players must be 10 years of age or older to participate. Call 456-7765 or 453-0976 for more information.

### Archery clinics

Outdoor recreation is now conducting archery clinics tailored to individual's needs based on skill level. The clinics take place on Wednesdays with two available sessions at outdoor recreation and Clear Lake Park. Cost is \$5 per person for a two-hour class and participants must be over five years of age. Call 456-0976 for more information and for the class schedule.

### Wednesday night shootout

Bowl to win \$500 at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the bowling

center during February. Winner takes all with the payout on the first Wednesday of the following month. The competition is a men's handicap Pro AM pattern tournament with the handicap being 80 percent of 200. Cost is \$20 per entry and participants may enter as many times as they'd like. Top three game series wins. Bowlers use last year's high yearbook average. If no average is available, participants use 175 as the av-

erage. All adult military, retired, reserve or DoD bowlers are eligible to participate with a valid ID card. Call 456-4133 for details.

### World Wide Bowling

The World Wide Bowling Program, formerly known as Bowl by Mail, takes place at the bowling center on March 3 and 24 at noon and April 4 at 1 p.m. Youth ages 5-18 are eligible to attend in which 5-8

year olds are allowed to use bumpers. Cost is \$4.50 for three games. Shoe rentals are free. High game and high series scores are sent up to ACC to compete with youth at other bases. Participants need to arrive at least 15 minutes early to sign up. Call the youth center at 456-3448 to learn more.

### Camping rental package

Enjoy a relaxing camping trip without the cost of pur-

chasing the necessary camping equipment. Equipment rental is holding a camping rental package special now through March 31. Cost is \$20 and includes rental of a tent, two sleeping bags, a coleman stove, two cots or sleeping mats and a medium ice chest. This special cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Patrons are allowed only one special per day. Call 456-3426 for details.



# Falcons travel to AIC for final regular-season series

## AFA needs one point or a Holy Cross loss to clinch home in in playoffs

ACADEMY NEWS SERVICE

Air Force (14-15-5, 11-10-5 AHA) traveled to Springfield, Mass., for a two-game league series against American International College (AIC) (7-22-1, 7-18-1 AHA), today and Saturday.

Both games can be heard on the internet at [www.GoAirForceFalcons.com](http://www.GoAirForceFalcons.com) and in Colorado Springs on ESPN 1300 AM The Sports Animal. Jay Ritchie, in his 10th season of Air Force hockey and 19th season of Falcon athletics, will do the play-by-play. The pregame show begins 20 minutes prior to faceoff.

The Air Force-AIC series is the final regular-season series for both teams. The Falcons will still play at least one game on March 10, either at home or on the road.

Air Force will clinch home ice in the first round of the playoffs with at least one point at AIC or a Holy Cross loss to Connecticut. The Falcons would then host a playoff game on March 10 at the Cadet Ice Arena. The winner of that game advances to the AHA Final Four in Rochester, N.Y., on March 16-17.

The winner of the AHA Final Four gets an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals.

Air Force is currently in fifth place in the AHA standings, one point behind fourth-place Connecticut and four points ahead of sixth-place Holy Cross. With RIT ineligible for post-season competition, the Falcons are currently

sitting as the No. 4 seed in the tournament, which would give AFA home ice in the first round. The Falcons could finish as high as fourth which would be the No. 3 seed. AFA could play Holy Cross, Mercyhurst or Bentley in the first round.

Air Force could end the regular season tied for fourth (No. 3 seed) with UConn or tied for fifth (No. 4 seed) with Holy Cross. Should two teams be tied in league points, the following tiebreaking procedure will be used: 1. Head-to-Head: AFA and Holy Cross split the series, Jan. 12-13, with back-to-back 2-2 ties. AFA and UConn split the series with a 4-2 AFA win and a 7-5 UConn win. 2. Number of League Wins UConn has 13 wins, Air Force has 11 wins and Holy Cross has nine wins. UConn would hold this tiebreaker over Air Force, but AFA and Holy Cross could still be tied at this point. 3. Goal Differential in All League Games: AFA is a +16 (83 goals for and 67 goals against). Holy Cross is a -2 (83 goals for and 85 goals against). UConn is a -4 (81 goals for and 85 goals against). Therefore, AFA has a huge advantage in this tiebreaker. If AFA and Holy Cross are tied in points and league wins, AFA would have to lose both games at AIC by a combined nine goals or more and Holy Cross would have to win both games vs. UConn by a combined nine goals or more.

AIC (7-22-1, 7-18-1 AHA) is in 10th place in the AHA with 15 points. However, the Yellow Jackets took three points from fourth-place UConn (3-2 win and 2-2 overtime tie) last week in a home-and-home series. After a rough start in which AIC lost its first 11 games (nine in the league), the team has rebounded.

Since then, AIC is 7-11-1 overall and 7-9-1 in the conference. AIC is 3-2-1 in its last six games. Sophomore Tom Fenton is the team's top goalie with a 3.69 GAA and a .877 saves percentage. Junior Jereme Tendler leads the team with 14 goals and 25 points. The Yellow Jackets are averaging 2.30 goals per game while allowing 3.93.

Air Force coach Frank Serratore (Bemidji State, 1982) is in his 10th season at Air Force and his 14th as a collegiate head coach. He has a 143-187-24 record at AFA and an overall mark of 192-279-33. AIC coach Gary Wright is in his 23rd season at AIC with a school and overall record of 244-381-44.

Air Force and AIC have played 10 times and the Falcons have won all 10 contests. AFA is 2-0 at AIC, 6-0 at Cadet Ice Arena and 2-0 on neutral ice. Earlier this season, AFA swept the series, 6-1 and 3-0, at the Academy. The teams last played in Springfield, Mass., in 2004. AFA swept the non-conference series, 5-4 and 2-0. AFA has out-scored AIC, 44-14, in the 10 games.

Junior center Eric Ehn leads the nation in scoring with 55 points on 22 goals and 33 assists. He moved back ahead of Michigan's T.J. Hensick who currently has 53 points. Ehn had five points in the Canisius series while Hensick had three points in the Lake Superior State series. Ehn's 1.62 goals per game average is tops in the country. Ehn is also eighth in the nation in goals per game (0.65) and second in assists per game (0.97). He has led the nation in points in 11 of the last 14 weeks. Ehn has scored in 26 of the 34 games this season and has 14 multiple-point games and seven multiple-goal games.

## Falcons wrap up first day at UTSA intercollegiate O'Bryant tied for 13th after two rounds

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**San Antonio, Texas** – With two rounds complete, the Air Force golf team sits in a tie for 15th place at the UTSA Intercollegiate, being held at the par-71, 6,765-yard Oak Hills Country Club. At the top of the team leaderboard is New Orleans at 588 (+20), while Sam Houston State's Robert Gwin and UTSA's Simon Merry are tied for the individual lead at 140 (-2).

Leading Air Force on day one of the tournament is sophomore Shaun O'Bryant (Colorado Springs,

Colo.), who is tied for 13th place at 148. Also competing for the Falcons are senior Tyler Gouling (Tracy, Calif.), tied for 64th place, Chad Follett (Sr., El Paso, Texas) and Jared Freeman (Jr., Brazil, Ind.), both tied for 77th place, and sophomore Andrew Gibson (San Ramon, Calif.) in a tie for 80th place.

Also competing as an individual is junior Matt Tanis (Asbury, N.J.), tied for 52nd in the individual standings.

The final round of the UTSA Intercollegiate is set to begin Wednesday.